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officer. The present incumbent of the position made a satisfactory record for several years as probation officer and truant officer, and then was elected by the progressive element in the community as supervisor of the poor.

A remarkable example in Illinois of civic co-operation is found in La Salle, Peru and Oglesby. The story of a part of what has been accomplished there is told by the Federal Bureau of Education in "Rural School Letter, Number 1," under the title "A Township Community Center in Illinois." Dr. Graham Taylor also writes about these towns in the *Survey* of October 17, 1914.

There are other instances than the above of the way that efficiency in probation work has been obtained in small communities simply by co-operation; co-operation of private individuals with public officials and *vice versa;* co-operation of the public officials in the different branches of the government in the same community, and the co-operation of the public officials of neighboring communities.

Concerning the accomplishments of Peru, La Salle and Oglesby Dr. Graham Taylor writes: "All these undertakings have been attempted and achieved in private co-operation, with and under the final authority of the public administration of the township high school and the city councils."

In conclusion, may we say that the cost of divided responsibility for child welfare in any given community is inefficiency unless there is whole hearted co-operation between public and private agencies and between the various public agencies.

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INTERNATIONAL PRISON COMMISSIONER

Mr. John Koren of Boston, has been appointed as International Prison Commissioner for the United States, to succeed the late Professor Charles Richmond Henderson of the University of Chicago He has been known fo many years as a statistician and has been identified with the Bureau of the Census at Washington. In 1891, he was sent abroad as a special agent of the United States Government to study labor conditions.

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